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HOUSE MEMORIAL 55

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING RABBI LEONARD A. HELMAN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SANTA FE COMMUNITY, THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Rabbi Leonard A. Helman was ordained as a rabbi in 1955 from the Hebrew Union college in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Beit Tikva in Santa Fe since its formation in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Helman has been a cherished member of the Santa Fe community for over thirty years and is known for joking around with local residents, answering their legal questions and playing in local bridge tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Helman is an attorney, tap dancer, teacher and champion bridge player who has dedicated his life to entertaining, assisting and comforting people of all cultures;

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2 WHEREAS, he has officiated for important occasions in the
3 lives of the members of his community, including bar mitzvahs,
4 bat mitzvahs, funerals and memorial services; and

5 WHEREAS, since 1975, he has delivered several prayers and
6 invocations for the legislature while serving as chaplain; and

7 WHEREAS, Rabbi Helman was designated in 2004 as one of
8 Santa Fe's living treasures for his participation in the life,
9 heart and spirit of the community; and

10 WHEREAS, he is a poised cleric who inspires legislators,
11 staff and citizens with his uplifting sermons, pearls of wisdom
12 and understated dignity;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be
15 extended to Rabbi Leonard A. Helman for his dedicated service
16 to the Santa Fe community, the New Mexico legislature and the
17 state of New Mexico; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to Rabbi Leonard A. Helman.

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